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16. AGNI, forgive us this 'our negligence^ this path in which we have .gone astray, Thou art to- be sought, as the protector and encdurager of those who offer suitable libations ; thou art the fulfiller (of the end of rites): thou makest thyself visible to^a mortals.

• 17. Pure AGHI, who goest about (to receive oblations)₃ go, in thy presence,, to the hall of saeri* fice? as did MAKUS? and ATOIRAS, and YAYATI, and others of old.^b Bring hither the divine personages • seat them on the sacred grass ; and offer th\$m.grate-ful (sacrifice).

18. AQOT, do thou thrive through this our prayer, which we make according to our ability, according to our knowledge. Do thou₃ therefore, lead us to opulence; and endow us with right understanding, securing (abundant) food.

StfKTA II. (XXXII.)

Thafttihi and metre are the same : the Hymn is addressed to IKDBA..

1. I declare the former valorous deeds of

that "by which life is to be supported : he also explains *jwaydjam* "*bjjivdk*, living, priests, who *ijyante daksMndbh*^ are worshipped by gifts.

^•*RisMknt*, becoming present through desire
 for the offered
 oblation : the epithet is an unusual one.

^b In like manner as ancient patriarchs, — such as
*Manu*₃ or *An-*
ffira ^-^-*OT* former kings, repaired to different places
 where sacrifices
 were celebrated. *Y&y&ti* was, one of the sons
Q£JFaku3ha.<
Pwd&a, p. 413. - - ' " . ' - • : . . . , . ' . • * . .